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FACTIONAL FEELS TWO STATE DELEGATIONS. ABSOLUTE SECRET.

Missouri Representatives Are Divided on the Question of Ousting Richard Kerens as National Committeeman.

Hitchcock-Akins Crowd Plans to Make Minnis His Successor and Gains Strength by Proposing a Redistribution of Federal Patronage.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
Philadelphia, June 17.—The Missouri delegates to the National Convention had a busy time to-day. Notwithstanding it was Sunday they did some hard work in the figuring line. Most of the delegates, a few leaders and a number of officeholders and delegates have arrived and have had accommodations.

Headquarters have been opened on the first floor of the Hotel. The Missouri headquarters is next door. The Missouri room seems cheerful enough. It was practically deserted Saturday. A big pitcher of ice water and two crystal goblets were the only occupants until along in the evening.

Among those who arrived last night was James L. Minnis of Carrollton, who went direct to the Commodore, where he had secured a room. To-day he made a flying trip to New York. D. M. Houser sought rooms in a private residence in order to avoid the crowd. Quite a number of Missourians, including Judge Shirk of Sedalia, Lilo Morse of Excelsior Springs, Charles Mowder of Beckenridge, Senator Schwegler of St. Louis and S. W. Dickey, secured rooms at the Commodore.

The main body of delegates and visitors from Missouri, including National Committeeman Kerens, and Chairman Akins, have rooms at the Commodore. Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock also will stop there.

Major John L. Bittinger and a party of St. Joseph people, R. O. Stauber, C. J. Borden, D. W. Porter, former State Senator Duncan, W. L. Bueche, C. D. Morris of Trenton, Samuel O'Fallon of Holt County and P. Sherry Brown of Kansas City have rooms at the Aldine, an apartment hotel. Owing to the fact all the delegates have not arrived, there was little done to-day that will have any great bearing on the meeting of the delegation to-morrow when a national committeeman will be selected.

Kerens's Followers Frightened.
Mr. Kerens did not arrive until late this afternoon. He came from West Virginia alone and went immediately to his rooms in the Commodore. After his arrival a major Bittinger, Nathan Frank and A. L. Morse, the situation was mapped out. The course to be pursued was mapped out. The Kerens followers are frightened badly at the outlook. The Akins-Hitchcock machine has moved so quietly that it has caught the big Missouri boss and his followers napping. To-day they were making strenuous efforts to discover what the chances were. They were not very bright in the situation. The situation did not seem brilliant.

Major Bittinger scoffs at the attempt being made to supplant Mr. Kerens on the National Committee.
He said: "It is folly to talk of supplanting Mr. Kerens. Why, he has three votes—more than three at the limit. There's Dyer and C. L. Morse, and he has a third one who would like to see him a little more than he would like to see him. It's not good policy at this time. We need a united front in Missouri, and no good can come of the effort."

Other Kerens followers were equally vehement in denunciation of the anti-Kerens movement. Colonel "Lige" Morse of Excelsior Springs, who realized the gravity of the situation, made an effort to conceal the fact that a scheme to defeat Kerens was on foot. He could not, however, name the exact strength of the Kerens forces for the strength either could muster.

Akins-Hitchcock Plans.
On the other side, the Akins-Hitchcock followers have been waiting for the arrival of the full delegation. They held several conferences, but, owing to the fact that neither Mr. Hitchcock nor Mr. Akins arrived until late in the evening, nothing definite was done.

It is generally conceded that Mr. Minnis will be the choice of the anti-Kerens delegates for National Committeeman. Several of the anti-Kerens men declared that the policy of the Akins-Hitchcock machine was to adopt to-morrow, when the delegates select the National Committeeman. This was followed at the St. Louis convention, four years ago, when Mr. Kerens was elected. The Akins-Hitchcock machine was then in the saddle, and the result was a good thing then it is good still. This would obviate the necessity of explanations in cases where instructions for Mr. Kerens have been given.

Division of Patronage.
The plans of the combine to down Kerens are just beginning to come to light. In case of success, and in the event of Kerens's re-election, there will be a change in nearly every Federal office in Missouri. These will include all the fat positions in St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, St. Joseph and a large number of presidential postmasters.

A division of the patronage will be arranged before to-morrow's caucus is held. Kerens, who has the combination will have it down in black and white what his proposition will be, and the National Committeeman will adhere to the pledges thus made.

By this means it has not been so difficult to work up sentiment against Kerens. The latter cannot promise patronage, because he has none left to give. If he retains his office, by this means he is seriously handicapped at the start.

It is said that two or three positions will be opened by him in order to make new delegates, but the delegates are becoming chary of promises not down in pen and ink. All of this talk indicates that the combine knows well what it is doing in advance. If the caucus held to-morrow is controlled by the Akins-Hitchcock combine, several astute men will be surprised. With such an advantage within its grasp the engineers of the new deal will be the outcome is not doubtful in the least.

Claims of the Factions.
Each side claims twenty-two votes. They conflict from the start. The Akins-Hitchcock leaders declare that they have the support of the following delegates: First District, Thomas J. Dockery and T. B. Morris; Second District, A. C. Pettibone; Third, Joseph S. Goodrich and E. L. Woodward; Fourth, D. W. Porter; Fifth, Walter S. Dickey and Daniel Hofer; Sixth, W. R. McLemore; Seventh, Frank D. Robert and W. S. Shirk; Eighth, J. P. Cassin and R. S. Harvey; Ninth, Theodore Brune; Tenth, Emil Donsbach; Twelfth, G. K. Kobach; Thirteenth, B. C. Cahoon; Fourteenth, M. E. Lemons.

They claim D. M. Houser, D. P. Dyer, J. L. Minnis and C. G. Burton, delegates-at-large. The Kerens men claim the rest and include also Dockery, Pettibone, Goodrich, Mowder, Porter, Dickey, Hofer, Shirk, Donsbach, Houser and Burton. These eleven votes are in dispute, and both sides are making efforts to either secure them or hold them in line. Arms of the combine are being handed out to tempt them, but most of the eleven either play on both sides of the fence or retain a reserve that keeps guessers busy. If the Akins-Hitchcock forces are in the majority it is settled that a secret ballot for National Committeeman will be taken.

The Missourians are pleased with Philadelphia. Many of them took carriage and drove over town this afternoon. The historic graveyard in which Ben Franklin's body lies, Fairmount Park, Independence

Governor Is Put Forward as a Candidate for the Place—The McKinley Administration Again Comes to the Senator's Aid.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
Philadelphia, June 17.—The feud between Governor John R. Tanner and Senator Shelby M. Cullom has extended all the way to Philadelphia, and bids fair to disrupt the Illinois delegation.

It is assumed that Tanner would not permit the use of his name, but to-day his friends made a canvass and assert that he can be elected.

Last night the Tanner candidate was John M. Smyth. It was not known until midnight that the Governor was coming to Philadelphia in person. With this announcement came the statement that neither Graeme Stewart or any other friend of Cullom's could receive recognition at the hands of the delegation from Illinois.

When Mr. Smyth arrived to-night he settled the matter so far as he was concerned by saying his name was used without authority.

"I am not a candidate," said he, "and I will not allow my name to go before the caucus. I will not accept the place if I am elected. I am for Governor Tanner, the man who knows more politics in a minute than any other man in Illinois in a year. He is better qualified and has the acquaintance and time to devote to it."

Chief Justice L. B. Edwards, of Decatur, director in the great bar-wire trust, who was yesterday counted for the Cullom campaign, to-night assured me he was for Tanner.

"I am for Tanner, if he can be induced to accept," said he, "and I hope he will be. I am without opinion as to the result. Governor Tanner has not yet arrived, but his train is expected before midnight."

McKinley Aide Cullom.
The McKinley administration has taken a hand in the matter in behalf of Cullom and decent politics in Illinois, as a Federal officeholder expressed it.

Controller Davies is openly for Graeme Stewart for committeeman, and his influence is likely to prove the balance of power that will again defeat Tanner, as it defeated him at the Peoria convention.

The battle will be fought out in the caucus to-morrow, and good judges fix the status of the delegation in this way, providing the candidates are Tanner and Stewart.

For Stewart—Judson, Madden, Lowden, Hanning, Haggerty (proxy for Mr. Stewart), John R. Brown, J. J. Brown, Smyth, Foreman, Lorimer, Deneen, Magerstadt, Warner, Clark, Sitts, Ellwood, Lambert, Wheeler of Kankakee, Smith, Robertson (alternate for Pope), Hewitt, Burdett, Emmerson, Becker, Johns and Chapman.

Tanner May Drop Out.
My judgment is that after a count Governor Tanner will drop out, or at least he will not be in the front. He may even take Deere or somebody to break into the Cullom-McKinley line.

Mr. John R. Brown, of New York, who is a delegate, said: "There is a division among the Illinoisans regarding the vice presidency. Yesterday there was a great talk for Dyer, but this morning there was a slump in the talk for the Iowa, and the delegates are scattered."

Congressman Smyth came out for Long, and took an early train for Washington to discuss the matter with somebody in authority there. The Southern Illinois delegates all lean toward Roosevelt, except Hugly.

Headquarters Opened.
The Illinois headquarters at the Commodore were opened to-morrow with appropriate ceremonies. The audience was small, but select and sober.

Illinois is poorly represented in quantity, but the quality is high. John R. Brown, the McKinley place, is the leader of the advance guard. Since John joined the Tanner outfit he has acquired the habit of holding his head higher than ever, and the grasp of the Illinois delegation is as of yore.

Time was when Mr. Brown thought it the proper card to squeeze all the blood from the hand of every man he met. Now that he has the reputation of being the Governor of Illinois he dreams of being with the wise men who talk little, and who ask for the antecedents of strangers.

Mr. Brown never was appreciated until this morning when he was in the crowd. He is something greater than the ordinary country politician. Brown jumped to the same of greatness when he was selected by the exclusive Stratford Hotel as the Illinois Republican State Convention. Defeated in that dear ambition through no fault of Tanner's, Brown was soiled with a place as delegate-at-large to the National Convention, a place, honored by the greatest men in every State, and conferred, sir, only on the most influential and eminent Republicans of a State; in fact, sir, I may say that it is second in importance and honor to the nominees of the National Convention."

Mr. Brown arrived in Philadelphia early. He was selected by Controller Davies, the particular friend of President McKinley in Illinois, as a special favorite and had been elected and honored in a marked manner. Mr. Davies secured magnificent quarters for Mr. Brown in the exclusive Stratford Hotel. He extended to him other marks of favor, and when Mr. Jamieson, Illinois representative on the National Committee, wanted a place for the temporary chairman of the delegation, Mr. Brown was a representative Texas Republican. It was Brown who responded for Illinois on the roll calls in the National Committee. In brief, Mr. John R. Brown is a "big dog" in Philadelphia, and is maintaining the dignity and commanding the awe and reverence due great Illinoisans from the nabobs of the East.

Waiting for Tanner's Orders.
On the subject of membership of the National Committee, I asked Mr. Brown, "whom do you favor?"

"I cannot answer that question definitely," John M. Smyth wants the place. I shall vote for him. But I do not know that he will be a candidate. I have not decided the matter. I have a friendly feeling for every man whose name is mentioned."

Governor Tanner's train is due to arrive some time to-night, and it does not add a lot to my reputation as a prophet to state that an hour after the arrival of the Governor Mr. Brown will know his own mind. I asked him if Dyer would receive the vote of Illinois for Vice President, and he replied: "It might be so. It is my present intention to vote for Dyer, and as the

same time I incline favorably toward a New Yorker for the place."

After Brown, Congressman Cannon is the most prominent and influential Illinois figure on the ground. Mr. Cannon expects to be chairman of the Illinois delegation, and he does not propose to lose any friends by assuming that the delegation will be a New York man for Vice President. He was playing no favorites on the Illinois delegation for member of the National Committee.

After half an hour's persuasion he acknowledged that Illinois of New York would come nearer his ideal of the proper candidate for Vice President. Mr. Cannon was surrounded by Charles P. Hitt, John Ames and Hamilton K. Wheeler of Kankakee in the Commodore this afternoon.

Congressman Cannon's Story.
"Congressman Reeves and his two able captains, Hitt and Ames, received call from your district in the State Convention. Mr. Cannon suggested a bystander with malice in his heart, and a desire to irritate the venerable statesman from Vermilion."

Mr. Cannon spread his mouth in a way of a broad grin and, with a sharp twinkle in his eyes, reminded his audience that he was many miles from Peoria at the time.

"But you were there in the spirit," persisted the man who was looking for trouble.

"Yes, I was there in spirit," acknowledged Cannon, "and it reminds me of a story my father used to tell how a wealthy Ohioan bought up a hundred slaves and manumitted them. They were shipped to the west of the mouth of the Ohio, and one lot of two of the most insignificant of the negroes rowed out in the Ohio River directly in front of a big passenger steamer. They waved their hands and yelled until the boat was stopped and began drifting down stream."

The captain shouted anathemas at them and asked what they wanted. The canoe crew was paddled to the shore. One of the former slaves turned to the captain with a grin and said: "Well, Charley, you made the old thing stop, anyhow. You can make the application yourself," and Cannon's face again broadened in a grin, while Hitt and Ames and Wheeler laughed outright.

It was Congressman Reeves who assisted Congressman Hopkins to get the Illinois delegation for Speaker of the House elected Tom Reed quit, over a year ago. Cannon's life ambition has been to preside over the House, and he never forgave Reeves for joining hands with Hopkins. At the Peoria convention, Cannon's district voted in a phalanx, excepting four stray sheep from Kankakee County, for Hannev, and after that the Yates-White delegation was in the Cannon bottle last year, it was Cannon who cut the Reeves Juggers this year at Peoria. He "made the Reeves procession stop."

Ames Is for Harmony.
"I am from Reeves's district," put in John Ames, "and he is as good a friend as I have in the world. Mr. Cannon, and I want to say now that I am for Joe Cannon for anything he may want. I don't believe in keeping alive these bitternesses. I hope we will all get together to-morrow in an effort to make the best of the situation."

Mr. Ames's principal mission here appears to be to spread the mantle of charity and peace over past transgressions and to lead the Illinois campaign in a harmonious manner.

"I would like to have Cannon chairman of the delegation," said he, "and Graeme Stewart secretary of the National Committee, and Martin B. Madden on the Resolutions Committee."

Mr. Ames's colleagues in the Cullom wagon were not anxious to spread their views before the public, preferring to wait until the Illinois train arrived.

Postmaster Gordon of Chicago and Controller Davies are anxiously interlarding everybody from Illinois on the principle of proposition to come before the convention. Mr. Davies has been a handy man to the Illinois crowd. He secured a place as assistant secretary for Lucien Gray of Fulton County and another as assistant sergeant-at-arms for Fred Jell, the Jalesburg newspaper man. He runs the risk in such acts of kindness of incurring the ill-will of Clarence Smyth and some of the Tanner men in the military tract.

Martin Madden says he doesn't know where he is "at" until his "people" arrive with the train.

Cullom Must Be Respected.
Senator Cullom has opened headquarters in Hotel Walton, where the McKinley men were camped, and where the Illinois delegates are located. He has announced, through his friends, that he proposes to have something to say about Illinois politics, and that he must be consulted before any decision is made here in the Illinois delegation.

The Cullom faction is still insisting that John Tanner is a candidate under cover for member of the National Committee, and is declaring with appropriate oaths that the office shall not be filled by any of the Tanner ilk.

Now comes the Tanner feud, with the assertion that Cullom is after the job for himself. With profane positiveness they assert that the venerable old gentleman cannot set it.

Most of the Illinoisans will not arrive until to-morrow.

WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. Josephine Waser, 75 years old, who had been in the office of the Peoria Journal for some time, died yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Waser was a part of the Peoria Journal staff for many years. She was born in Germany, and her husband, John Waser, was a well-known Peoria journalist. The coroner has been notified.

ARKANSAS MEN WILL ARRIVE TO-DAY.

General Powell Clayton Says That They Are All for Mr. McKinley's Choice—He Thinks That Roosevelt Will Be Nominated.

begging a candidate to go on the ticket. Roosevelt Will Accept.

"While Governor Roosevelt is not seeking the office, there is a fast-growing opinion among the leaders that he would strengthen the ticket, and since his arrival we have become assured that he will not decline if nominated."

"If the leaders have decided advantage in nominating a man who does not seek the office, it will be a novelty in national conventions, and give the candidate some prestige that will not weaken the ticket in the campaign."

"In spite of the New York complications I expect to see Roosevelt presented by his delegation in the regular way, and in my opinion, he will be nominated with great enthusiasm."

"Some say that Governor Roosevelt's acceptance of the nomination means a sacrifice of his career. I do not see it that way. If he were an old man he might find it difficult to get into the active swing of affairs again, but he is young, in the height of manhood, and four years in the vice presidential chair could hardly injure him."

"Among those expected to register at the Bingham and Yending to-morrow are: J. V. Grubbs, Newport; R. C. Morris, Helena; C. D. Graves, Hot Springs; O. M. Spelman, Pine Bluff; Floyd Thompson, Texarkana; Henry Thane, Morrilton; S. B. Redding, Little Rock; J. P. Robinson, Little Rock; C. M. Greene, Harrison; J. F. Henley, Marshall; J. M. McIntosh, De Valle Bluff, and G. W. Chase, Belleville."

W. S. DANIELS.

HOW RIVAL BOSSES PASSED THE DAY.

Hanna and Platt Hold Two Secret Conferences—The New Yorker Appears to Have Finally Carried His Point About Governor Roosevelt.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, June 17.—Here is a correct diary of the movements of Mark Hanna to-day.

8 A. M.—Arose and ordered his bath made ready.

8:30—Emergence from his bath, dressed without the aid of a valet and sent for his barber.

9:30—Went to the dining-room with Secretary Dyer for his breakfast. Occupied his customary seat near the window and attracted the attention of the early force of waiters, who, for the first time, laid their eyes on the political boss.

9:50—Senator Platt entered the room and, walking abstractedly, started toward Hanna's table. Platt saw Hanna in time and turned directly, energetically initiated this morning, was discussed, Grover, when he came out, still insisted that Dyer was the coming man, but reluctantly admitted that Bliss seemed to be the administration choice.

10:25—Representative Dick, Secretary of the National Committee, saw his chief for a few moments. He was really nothing new in the situation, he said when he came out.

"Roosevelt? Oh, I don't know. It is a little early to make predictions, but I do not apprehend that Roosevelt will be the nominee of the convention."

10:35—Members of the deposed Alabama delegation made another call to persuade Hanna to underwrite the Alabama National Committee. He refused, and told them their only recourse was to be found in the convention.

10:45—A number of unimportant delegates were received. Their effort to get a tip as to how they should talk on the vice presidency was fruitless. Hanna is not yet ready to give out the tip to the strikers.

11—Hanna's factors looked and callers denied admittance. The next half hour was spent by Hanna in going through his mail and attending to his correspondence with Secretary Dyer.

11:30—Hanna sent for the doorknocker of the Senate, Alonso Stewart, and discussed the arrangements for the afternoon trip to Haverford, where he and other big game discussed important affairs at a dinner to-night.

Second Meeting With Platt.
11:45—Hanna received a note from Platt asking him to call at the latter's rooms. Hanna started at once.

12:15—Hanna returned to his own rooms. Nothing new in the situation, he replied, with apparent good humor.

Asked if it would be Bliss, Dyer or Roosevelt, Hanna replied:

"You people know as much about that as I do. Nothing has been settled."

"Will Bliss be a satisfactory nomination?" "Bliss is a good man," Hanna replied, "but I don't think so."

12:30—Hanna sent for Secretary Root, with whom he discussed the results of his talk with Platt.

12:45—Hanna sent a number of telegrams, one of which is said to have gone to the White House.

1:00—Hanna, Secretary Root and General Grover went to Haverford. President and Joe Manly talked with them briefly.

2:30—Hanna retired to his room to dress.

Hanna returned a carriage with Secretary Root and was driven to the station, where he took a train for Haverford. He remained there over night.

SOUTHERNERS AFTER HANNA.

Plan to Even Up Old Scores Against the Boss.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Washington, D. C., June 17.—"Hanna will not be the next chairman of the National Committee. If the Southern delegates can accomplish his overthrow," said Henry Latta of Dallas, Tex., to-day. "We do not like him. He is opposed to our interests in all local fights. He has tried to run things."

"He was elected to look after national politics. He has tried to interfere with the internal workings of the State. There are several places in the South where he has meddled in what did not concern him. We will get even at Philadelphia by casting our votes for some other candidate."

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